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President's Page

S. Everett Phillips, CSNA 13-2

The "Friendly Fifty-first" convention is now history and we could not have had a more memorable convention to kick off Cal-State's second quarter century. Many thanks are due to General Chairman **William O. Wisslead**, Assistant General Chairman **Louis Bernetich**, and to all the committee members for their efforts which went into the production of a superb show. All of the planning and preparation of the committee was self-evident throughout the convention as the smooth running show unfolded for all to enjoy.

The 51st Convention saw three attractions appearing for the first time at a Cal-State convention. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing had its "Billion Dollar" display and printing press demonstration on hand with spectators often standing several deep to watch. Through the efforts of **Walter Snyder**, special exhibits chairman, the U. S. Postal Service established the "C.S.N.A. Station" at the hotel, giving us our very own cancellation. In addition, **Ed McClung** provided an embossing machine by which the J.F.K. bust was struck through the half dollar or other coins as a free souvenir to all conventioners.

We also are most indebted to **Ed McClung** for the production of our convention Philatelic-Numismatic Covers, without any charge to CSNA, the proceeds from the sale of which are earmarked for the expenses of the annual numismatic symposium in Long Beach. The PNC for the 51st Convention is destined to become a real collector's item as it is a work of art and, of course, was postmarked at the CSNA Station on the opening day of the convention.

Thanks again to all the committee members and other participants who cooperated to produce one of the finest conventions ever.

Congratulations to **James L. Betton** who has been awarded the CSNA Medal of Merit by the Executive Board for his outstanding contributions to this Association over the past several years. His boundless drive and enthusiasm for numismatics in general and for the CSNA in particular has helped to boost Cal-State to its preeminent position among regional numismatic organizations. His election to this elite group is but a token of the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues.

The Executive Board has established a new appointive Board position of "Director of Education" to plan, coordinate, and direct all CSNA educational programs and act-

ivities. In accordance with my duties in this respect, I have appointed **Mr. Maurice M. Gould** of Tustin, California as Director of Education. He now serves in such capacity as a member of your governing Board. The entire membership will agree with me that we could not have selected a more qualified person for this most important office.

I have also appointed **James L. Betton** as "Bourse Coordinator." He has accepted his new duties effective immediately. This will not replace the Bourse Chairman who serves on the convention committees, but he will take over part of the Bourse Chairman's duties. In this respect, **Mr. Betton** will be the one man within the framework of the Executive Board who will send and receive bourse applications and fees from our bourse dealers for each convention. We feel that placing this responsibility with one individual will provide a greater efficiency and a better relationship with our established dealers. The Bourse Chairman, on the other hand, will continue with his traditional duties of managing the bourse area at the convention hotel.

The nominating committee consisting of **Albert L. Baber**, chairman; **Ralph A. Mitchell**; and **Clifford L. Liss** gave its report at the general membership meeting on November 4th and I am happy to see more interest developing among our members in serving on the Executive Board. The list of candidates will be found elsewhere in this issue. You should receive your mail ballot within the next two or three weeks and I urge all of you to be good Cal-State members — please vote!

Bids have been received and accepted for two future conventions. The San Gabriel Valley Coin Club will be the host club for the Fall 1975 convention at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena, and the San Bernardino County Coin Club will host the Fall 1976 convention in Palm Springs. I would welcome any bids from clubs in Northern California wishing to act as host club for our Spring convention in either of these years.

A reminder — coming up fast is the 5th annual Numismatic Symposium in Long Beach on March 31, followed by the 52nd Convention in Oakland on April 27-29. Why not mark your new calendar with these important dates right now?

My very best wishes to each of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Editorially

Some conventions are sparkling successes . . . and others just "so-so!" Why? Perhaps our friend from across the northern border has the answer.

Norman Williams, president of the Canadian Numismatic Association, has been a frequent visitor to California numismatic activities and commented several times during the recent CSNA convention about the state of our numismatic hobby in general and attendance at shows in particular. For one thing, he believes there should be more involvement by the individual clubs of the area at coin shows and especially the regional conventions. He suggests that clubs with regular meetings scheduled near the dates of major activities should try to hold such meetings at the convention hotel so that their members are on hand to also view the fine exhibits, attend the excellent forums, visit the large bourse, and generally enjoy the good fellowship of collectors and numismatists in attendance. He also expressed the idea that inter-club competition should be promoted so that more people are attracted and become involved in the show. There is so much offered and so much work goes into making it all possible, that it behooves all of us to find ways to improve participation and attendance.

Our friend from Canada has some valid points we should consider. A lackadaisical attitude won't reach the ones at home who say; "Why stir out?" or, "It's too long a drive" or some other feeble excuse. Why not give Norm's ideas some serious thought and possible action and activate our stay-at-home members and friends. It might make the "regulars" who always attend even happier that they were part of a sparkling, outstandingly successful convention!

And to you all. . . a COOL YULE and a FRANTIC FIRST!

PUBLISHER'S "TWO CENTS WORTH"

As publisher of Calcoin News, my primary responsibility to CSNA is to serve as the business representative of the official publication. This includes obtaining the best possible production consistent with reasonable cost and within budget limits. Towards this objective, we have a new printer, a reliable firm who has been doing business in Santa Ana since 1925. Also, we have applied for Second Class mailing privileges to improve delivery of the publication to the members as fast as possible, at minimum cost.

Thanks to everyone who has helped maintain the high quality of Calcoin News. This includes the officers, the staff and all other contributors of material or labor.

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Colonial Coins of British America

By Herbert Bergen, CSNA 1-18

With the beginning of the Bicentennial Celebration of the American Revolution at hand, we approach the 200th year after the opening of the revolutionary war in 1776. It is only natural that the attention of numismatists, especially those in America, should be focused on the coinage that was used in the British colonies prior to and during the revolutionary period that ended with the founding of the United States. The creation of the new government then enabled the establishment of its own mint and coinage without dependence on a mother country or the flow of coins in trade with other colonizing countries.

It is from examination and study of this colonial coinage, limited as it was, that we come to realize the vital and prominent part that the monetary system, as it slowly emerged, played in the struggles of the pilgrims who came with the Mayflower to Cape Cod and the other colonial pioneers to become self-governing and independent. Economics was the inner core and heart of the movements for independence. To create a self-sustaining economy there had to be some kind of a media of exchange. To bring this about took a long evolutionary process that lasted nearly two centuries. It was 1616 when the first coins were issued for use in the Commer Islands, now known as the Bermuda Islands. It was 1792 before the United States Mint was established. The intervening time is almost exactly equal to the lifetime of this mint.

The first settlers brought no coins with them and thus had to rely on barter to exchange goods and services. This went on until a way could be devised to establish some form of currency. The first such currency was grain, especially corn, which was a natural product and formed a staple which the native Indians used freely in exchange.

Corn soon became important in its use as a medium of exchange and in 1631 was decreed by the Massachusetts General Court to be legal tender for all debts and taxes. This

decree remained effective for nearly fifty years. At first corn was valued at 6 shillings a bushel, but soon decreased to about half that amount as restrictions were placed on its use and export, while at the same time production increased rapidly. With such a medium the settler could grow his own money and at the same time grow food.

Corn used as money was obviously faced with many drawbacks. It was good for food, but otherwise had no intrinsic value. It could be used in payment of debts, but there was no way for it to be redeemed. It was a commodity that was not easily transported from settlement to settlement and colony to colony. Merchants lacked facilities for storing it in any large quantity. Increasing population and increased diversity of the growing economy also became factors against the use of corn as a medium of exchange. A more suitable form of money had to be found. Thus it was that by 1670 corn no longer was legal tender by law.

An early substitute for corn as money was the musket ball. Each musket ball of full bore passed for a farthing in value. This was deemed a good way of forming a medium of exchange that could be used in settling small accounts. At the same time it was a way of effecting widespread distribution of munitions at a time when seeds of revolution were sprouting.

At about the time that Massachusetts colonists decided to use corn as a medium of exchange, the Dutch colonists in New York in 1628 adopted as their medium of exchange sea shell beads that were used by some Indian tribes as a means of value. This became commonly known as Wampum.

In 1636 the General Court of Massachusetts recognized Wampum as money even though little of it had reached the Bay Colony from New York where Pequot and Naragansett Indians first used these beads and made them for use by white settlers. As these beads were convenient to use in small transactions they grew rapidly in use. How-

ever, they had some serious disadvantages. Wampum consisted of both white and black beads in natural color. The white beads were more common and were valued at six a penny, while the scarcer black beads passed at three a penny. For nearly 25 years Wampum served in exchange of small sums, but the value kept dropping as the Indians soon learned to find and make beads in greater quantities to meet the need of settlers and merchants. Besides this, counterfeiters learned how to make black beads out of white beads. As a result Wampum, as legal tender, was repealed by the Massachusetts Colony in 1661.

Beaver skins and fur pelts of all kinds also became mediums of exchange with the early settlers, but as the animals were killed off locally and trappers had to go farther and farther for their catch, this commodity did not prove to be one that would satisfy the need for a fixed monetary system.

Gradually colonial traders and new settlers from Europe brought an increasing amount of coins and tokens to the Colonies. Merchants preferred these as money and demanded payment with them if at all possible in order to serve their need for exchange. Being so preferred it was only natural for people to hoard coins. Moreover, the counterfeiters also came in to act as a spoiler. To prevent this some of the earliest New England coins were stamped with the letters "NE", but this did not work well and stamping was soon abandoned.



New England Shilling

Dependence on coins and tokens coming from Europe was obviously not a solution for the pressing problem of establishing a sound fiscal and monetary system in the Colonies. In desperation the Colony of Massachusetts in 1652 decided to start its own mint and did so at once. This mint produced silver coins in three denominations, three-pence, six-pence and one-shilling. It continued to do so for a period of thirty years without known interruption. These were the so-called "Tree" coins. They were issued in three principal designs; Willow Tree, Oak Tree, and Pine Tree, in the order named. They are probably the best known of all colonial coins and no worthwhile colonial collection can be without some of them.



Willow Tree Shilling

The story of the Bay Colony mint is a classic in Numismatics. John Hull was given the contract to make the coins, receiving as payment for his work and the material one shilling and three-pence for every 20 shillings produced. All of these coins bear the date of 1652, except the Oak Tree two-pence dated 1662. One reason given for the common date of 1652 is that inasmuch as the mint was established and operated by the Colony without authority or decree from the King of England, none could say which coin was issued in any later year in violation of any order to desist.

It seems strange that the Colony of Virginia which had a decree and authority to mint coins did not do so while the Massachusetts Colony was issuing coins without such authority. No recognized reason for this has appeared in any research of this subject, but the presumption is that as these Colonies were far apart and their monetary needs were somewhat diverse no action was generated in Virginia for the establishment of a mint.

While the Colony of Massachusetts had a leading role in the history of Colonial coinage and was the first to have its own mint, it was not long afterward that coins and tokens made for use in other American colonies began to be imported from England late in the 17th century. The first of these were made in 1654 for Lord Baltimore, Lord Proprietor of Maryland. These were issued in four denominations, one-penny, four-pence, six-pence, and one-shilling. All are scarce or rare as collector items.



St. Patrick Farthing

In 1681 Mark Newby came to America from Dublin, Ireland and brought with him some half-penny coins which were adopted as legal tender in New Jersey in 1682. These

were called St. Patricks Half-pence, but are now more commonly called Mark Newby coinage. Specimens of half-pennies and farthings are readily obtained by collectors.



Rosa Americana

The next coins that came from England were half-penny, one-penny and two-penny pieces that were made by William Wood under a patent obtained from King George I to provide coins for the American colonies. These were mostly dated 1722, 1723, and 1724. They are known as Rosa Americana coinage from the rose that appeared on the reverse. At the same time Wood made farthings and half-pennies, also dated 1722, 1723 and 1724 for use in Ireland. Because they were not popular there they were diverted to the American colonies. They are known as Hibernia coinage. All of the Wood coins range from common to scarce as collector items.



Pitt Token

A token, dated 1766, in farthing and half-penny denominations, found its way to the colonies. It bore the image of William Pitt and thus was called the Pitt Token. It was Pitt who tried to have the Stamp Act repealed, a law that generated revolt against the mother country by the colonies. These tokens are relatively common.

The coins and tokens that have been named are those that were used as money in the colonies prior to the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The coins that were issued after that year are more numerous with many different origins. The first of these, and perhaps the most meaningful and famous, was the 1776 Continental Dollar, struck as a pattern in brass, pewter, and silver, and not for circulation. It was the first dollar-size coin designed. A great deal of mystery surrounds its origin as to where it was struck, who authorized it, and the identity of "E G" (possibly Elisha Gallaudet)



Continental Dollar

shown on some of the issues. All of the seven known varieties are rare in better than fine condition. Copies were made of some of these varieties for the Centennial Exposition in 1876. (Author's note: It was my proposal to the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission that this pattern be reproduced with a date of 1976 as a commemorative for the Bicentennial Celebration. No final action has yet been taken for striking any kind of commemorative coin.)



New Hampshire Copper

Following the Declaration of Independence, New Hampshire was the first colony or state of the United States to authorize the issuance of coins. It provided for the striking of a copper cent, but there is no evidence that any coin was struck for circulation after the pattern was made. No genuine pieces are known to exist, although many spurious forgeries are floating around.

Vermont was the next colony to authorize copper coins. These were struck in quantity with dates of 1785, 1786, 1787 and 1788. Many of these have survived and can be readily obtained by collectors.

Connecticut authorized a mint in 1785 and copper coins of various designs were struck with dates of 1785, 1786, 1787 and 1788. Specimens of most of these are readily available to collectors.

Although New York did not authorize the issuance of coins after the Revolutionary War, numerous copper coins were struck, perhaps illegally, by private parties. These circulated freely without restraints. They are known under several design type names: Excelsior, Eborac and Immunis Columbia.



Massachusetts Cent

In 1786 Massachusetts passed an Act to establish a mint where copper cents and half-cents were struck with the dates of 1787 and 1788, and there are numerous die varieties. Most of them are available to collectors at "modest prices" (with today's inflation, meaning less than \$50.00 each).

In the same year, New Jersey authorized the issuance of three million copper coins. These are found with many die varieties, most of which are easy to obtain.

Gouverneur Morris, who helped finance the Confederation of Colonies, as a private venture ordered the striking in England of coins known as the Nova Constellatio coppers. They were made in quantity with dates of 1783 and 1785 and shipped to America. Many of these have survived.



Fugio Cent

dated 1787. They were made in Connecticut from copper obtained from military stores. The design on these cents is attributed to Benjamin Franklin and Buell of New Haven. There are sixteen die varieties, including four restrikes in gold, silver, copper and brass, made after 1858 when three pair of dies were found by fourteen-year-old Wyllis Betts on the site of the Broome & Platt store in New Haven where the original dies were made. Fugio cents are not difficult to obtain, but several of the die varieties are very rare.



Washington Piece

No collection of Colonial coins and no reference book is complete without the so-called Washington pieces struck as commemorative tokens or medals in honor of George Washington. These were issued with several year dates from 1783 to 1795. There are 17 different designs listed and these are comprised of 36 different metal and die varieties. About 12 of these are either rare, extremely rare or unique.

From this brief resume of the Colonial coins of America one can gather that it is a very challenging series for any collector to try. Only the most advanced numismatist can hope to qualify as an expert in this fascinating field. In all there are about 300 different pieces listed in the "Guide Book," but in addition one will find as many more die varieties that are listed in reference books such as Crosby's "Early Coins of America." Any collector who has 100 different specimens of Colonial coins in his cabinet can be considered as a Colonial specialist, but not necessarily an expert.

Every collector who looks for Colonial coins in Yeoman's "Guide Book of U. S. Coins" soon sees that copies were made of many of the best known pieces. These copies are not marked as such, but students of these



Brasher Doubloon

Numerous tokens were struck, mostly in England and Ireland, during the Revolutionary War period. These circulated as coins in the Colonies without any governmental authorization. They include several great rarities. The most famous of these is the Brasher Doubloon, produced in gold by Ephraim Brasher, a jeweler and next door neighbor to George Washington when he lived in New York. Very few of these are known today.

Another famous token is the 1785 Immune Columbia struck in gold, the only known specimen of which is in the U.S. Mint Collection at the Smithsonian. This token, struck over a 1775 English Guinea, was part of a number of Colonial coins which Mathew Stickney traded to the U.S. Mint in 1843 for one of the Mint specimens of the 1804 silver dollar.

The first coins issued by authority of the United States were Fugio Cents which were

facsimiles can tell them from genuine original. Ten names are listed of those who made copies. They are Idler, Robinson, Betts, Bolen, Copley, Evanson, Grant, Dickeson, Tatham and Wyatt. Most of their work was done before the 20th century. These copies are not looked upon as forgeries made to defraud the purchaser. They were made for the purpose of providing facsimiles for students of history as well as numismatists to examine when genuine originals would be very difficult and often impossible to locate. These recognized facsimiles are offered by dealers now at less than half the price of the originals. Of course there are exceptions to this toleration of these copies as in the case of the Wyatt copies of the Good Samaritan Shilling of 1652. There are no known originals of this coin and no evidence that it was made. It is, therefore, a pure fabrication.



Good Samaritan Shilling

As we approach the Bicentennial year of 1976 it is only natural that Colonial coins and, likewise, paper currency should receive the numismatic spotlight. Interest in these numismatic relics has greatly increased and buying demand has increased accordingly. As an example of the increase in value that has taken place in the last 25 years we note that the "Red Book" of 1947 lists the large planchet Pine Tree shilling in fine condition at \$30.00 whereas the 1973 catalogue shows a value of \$350.00, better than a thousand percent increase. When we compare the buying power of a Pine Tree shilling in 1652 at three shillings for one bushel of corn with its 1972 value buying power in today's market we find that one such shilling will buy better than 300 bushels of corn!

Hopefully this brief review of Colonial coinage of America will help to kindle in every collector and numismatist a patriotic flame that should burn brightly during the time that we are passing through the Bicentennial Decade culminating in the year 1976. Whether or not you have been or will become a collector of Colonial coins and currency, everyone should at least make himself or herself familiar with the monetary history of the early Colonial settlements and the American Revolution that led to the establishment of the United States of America. It is without a doubt one of the most fascinating episodes in the history of civilization.

When German merchants started a fabric mill in the town of Dadja, Republic of Togo in West Africa, the local people chose a pink cowrie shell motif on black cotton as one of the first designs.



THE COWRIE SHELL

For Forty Centuries a Treasured Form of Money

By Osear H. Dodson, CSNA 599



The cowrie shell in recent World Heritage Museum acquisitions intrigues Vicki Miller, wearing a cowrie necklace from the mountainous Maprik area of New Guinea. To left, a cowrie decorated headdress for a bride in Ghana. To right, a halo of cowrie shells enhances a Gio people dance mask from Liberia.

A profusion of monetary forms has served man during recorded history. Among these amber, shells, ingots, beans, animal teeth, beads, salt, seeds, cloth, bank checks and credit cards, in one area or span of time, have filled this essential need for a standard unit of value or a means of exchanging wealth.

But of all forms of money the cowrie shell is the most fantastic. This small glossy white shell has established a unique record as the most enduring form of money. It has met commercial needs over an immense area. In Western eyes, of all money units, it is perhaps the most weird.

The cowrie is found in large numbers along the beaches of the Indian Ocean. As the earliest traders carried bagloads of the shell inland or over seas, its value greatly increased. The shell became widely treasured in the ancient world as a monetary unit, a charm, an amulet, but above all as a symbol of fertility. In the past, as well as today, primitive societies believe the decorative open side of the cowrie is a likeness of the female organs of reproduction.

Archaeological evidence of the use and value of the cowrie is overwhelming. The shell has been recovered from ancient graves in China, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Italy, Cyprus and Egypt. A few have been found in New World Indian burials. The cowrie was so prized in China, and apparently was so scarce in the interior, that it was imitated in wood, copper, lead, bronze, stone, bone, and even in jade. Bronze cowries have been found in Etruscan graves, and gold cowries in Cyprus.

In the Medieval world the traders of India and Arabia introduced the cowrie into East Africa. The Dutch traded cowries for slaves on the African west coast. In Canada the Hudson Bay Company exchanged this shell for beaver pelts.

Early in the Twentieth Century the cowrie was treasured in Timbuktu, and in the up-country bush markets of the Congo. The shell was part of the bride price and served in peace making ceremonies in the remote mountain villages of New Guinea.

In World War II cowries were carried to New Guinea by the invading Japanese forces. Later in this conflict American troops used cowries to pay indifferent villagers to clear the jungles for the construction of emergency landing strips.

Evidence both of the prehistoric value of the cowrie as well as its current importance may be seen in displays in the World Heritage Museum at the Urbana-Champaign campus of the University of Illinois. Throughout the

early years of this museum, from its opening in 1912, an historically notable collection was acquired representing the Sumerian, Egyptian, Greek, and Roman civilizations as well as exceptional pieces from Medieval Europe. In the collection is a hoary cowrie shell necklace proudly worn by an Egyptian who lived during the reign of Ptolemy II.

Four years ago the Museum director launched a program to expand the Museum's holdings to include major contemporary cultures — among these the Chinese, Black African, Eskimo, and New World Indian.

Material added to the Museum as a result of this expansion program constitutes vivid evidence of the abiding value of the cowrie. Cowries form a halo on a West African ceremonial dance mask used by the Gio people of Liberia. The shells enhance a rare bush fiber gourd of the Boran people in Kenya and decorate a red cloth and straw headdress prepared for a bride in Ghana. In the Republic of Togo women in the village of Dadja weave a black cotton fabric with cowrie shell motif. The most recent acquisition is a beautiful cowrie shell necklace, three feet in length, from the remote Maprik area of Prince Albert Mountains, Eastern Sepik District in New Guinea.

The use of the cowrie as a cherished barter item and the whole system of barter may appear totally incongruous in the modern world of finance. But is it? The August 15, 1972, issue of *Forbes Magazine* describes the new barter method of doing business with the Communists:

"Adam Smith thought it was downright primitive, but there have been some changes made since he wrote his Wealth of Nations. Come to Vienna and take a look. The Austrian capital is now the barter capital of the world. Forget Adam Smith. You won't find savages there swapping salt for seashells. What you will find are bankers and commodity merchants trading coffee beans for machine tools, tobacco for nuclear power stations, as they jabber in half a dozen languages into batteries of phones in three-way conversations with Afghanistan and Bulgaria, Poland and Iran, Brazil and Greece."

The *Forbes* article concludes:

"As U. S. Trade with the Communist bloc grows, U. S. companies will have to learn how to play the barter game."

Don't be deluded into throwing away your cowries. There may be barter value in these deceptive little shells!

Collecting Coin Auction Catalogs

By Dr. Sol Taylor, Asst. Prof. of Education, Chapman College, CSNA 1580

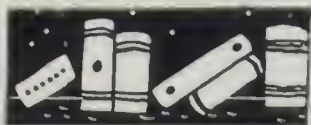
Once the collector of coins passes the sorting-through-pocket-change period for his new finds, he moves to the more advanced and sophisticated means of obtaining the more desirable and scarce items. The ultimate ascension is the attendance at a major coin sale where hundreds or even thousands of lots of coins are offered for sale. Since the early part of this century, certain dealers began to specialize in the holding of these sales whereby estates and major collections could be sold at the maximum gain for the owners. The broader exposure to the buying public often created new price levels for the scarcer coins and better educated the collecting public as to what the best available material looked like and what it sold for. All major dealers today stock some library of these prizes — the numismatic auction catalogs.

Some of the earlier catalogs are so much in demand that they sell for as much as the highest priced item in the original sale. The John Story Jenks catalog, prepared by the Chapman Brothers in the early 1920's, is a fat volume covering Colonial and early United States coinage. It was printed on coarse hard paper and limited to a few hundred copies at most. Today, a nice clean copy will fetch over \$300 at an open sale. Like most copies extant, the ANA library specimen has the prices realized neatly penciled in the margins of the pages — a practice common in those days.

Since the early 1950's, many top United States dealers have been issuing slick paper catalogs for the major regional and national sales as well as their own special sales. Abe Kosoff has prepared a number of special sales featuring some major coin holdings. Paramount Coin Corporation of Ohio has a series of top sales including several ANA and regional sales. They are widely sought after in the major regional auctions such as — NENA, TNA, NASC, and MANA. New Netherlands Coin Company of New York has been publishing top quality catalogs of their special sales for many years and have run nearly seventy such sales. The catalogs of Hollinbeck Kagin Coin Co. of Des Moines include the caption, "America's Leading Coin Auctioneers." They have been in the mail sale and auction coin business since 1928.

Bowers and Ruddy of Hollywood have recently gone into the auction sale business with their affiliate company, American Auction Assn. Their first sale held earlier this year was a success by all standards. The major consignor to the sale stated that he was pleasantly surprised by the excellent results of the sale. It featured a large holding of pattern silver coins which set many new price levels. Hans Schulman of New York has conducted some major foreign coin sales over the past 25-30 years. The 1971 Kann Sale conducted in conjunction with C.O.I.N., in Los Angeles, was an outstanding sale of foreign coins, currency and antiquities. Superior Coin and Stamp Company of Los Angeles has conducted a number of sales including stamps and coins. They conducted the highly successful C.O.I.N. sale in 1972. Stack's of New York City is one of the oldest firms in the field and has been conducting major sales from time to time. They have built some of the major collections in the world and have also helped sell them as well. They built the fabulous Lilly gold collection which is now in the Smithsonian Institute.

This is by no means a complete listing of the major auction houses in the business. It is a brief survey of the field and what it offers the collector. Just as every serious collector of United States coins owns a RED BOOK (Guide to United States Coins, R.S. Yeoman), every serious collector should also be interested in the auction catalogs covering his field of interest. These catalogs often are available at no cost by writing to the firm offering the sale items. In some cases, a small fee of \$2 or less is required to be included in the list of persons who will also receive the prices realized following the sale. Consignees to these sales also receive a copy of the catalog, as well as the prices realized. In some cases of major sales, the catalog and its prices realized are bound in hard cover deluxe editions, usually limited numbering to just a few dozen, and sold for up to \$10 per copy to collectors. In recent years, the cost of printing has caused more and more dealers to charge for their catalogs. Even so, to the serious collector, these are valuable and worthwhile additions to any numismatic library.



Between the Bookends



"THE STORY OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA" by Howard Hickson provides the first book with a complete history of the 23 tumultuous years of the U.S. Mint in Carson City. Hickson wrote the book because, in the course of doing research necessary to develop exhibits for the state museum, he could find only bits and pieces of information about the mint. Even though this institution turned out more than 56 million coins worth almost \$50 million between its opening in 1870 and its final shutdown in 1893, there was no cohesive or chronological document about it. The book opens with the founding of Carson City in 1858 by Aby Curry, who was to become the builder and first superintendent of the mint. The text details the production history of the various coins with the "CC" mint mark, describing the many and varied troubles of the mint's career. More than 50 photographs and other illustrations accompany the text. Soft cover with 124 pages. Published in a limited edition of 1,000 copies. Available from the Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Nevada. Price \$5.95.

"1973 STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN COINS, TOKENS AND PAPER MONEY" by J. E. Charlton. The format of this popular and useful standard and numismatic reference work remains the same for this 21st edition. The decimal coinage of Canada and the provinces are well-illustrated and listed by date, including principal recognized varieties, with mintage figures being provided and pricing in up to seven conditions.

The token classics of Breton receive the customary picturing, listing and pricing and the interesting section on patterns, proofs, and essais or trial pieces is retained. Specimen sets and "proof-like" mint sets and dollars also receive special listing. There is considerable expansion in the paper money section. The result is a balanced picture of monetary forms, both past and present. Only the 20th century trade tokens, too unwieldy for a standard catalog, are omitted. Of particular interest to price watchers is a two-page innovation, "Price Range of Selected Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money." Featured are prices in two conditions for certain key items, tabulated over an extended period. The results are fascinating and tend to bear out the usual axioms about the types of

material likely to appreciate on a longer term basis. 200 pages in hard cover, \$3.95; soft cover, \$2.50. Published by Charlton Co., Ltd., 92 Jarvis St., Toronto 1, Ontario.

"MAUNDY COINS OF GREAT BRITAIN" by Richard J. Trowbridge. This is a second edition of his reference work on Maundy coins originally published in 1969. Though the first edition was received most favorably, the author promptly began development of a more durable and handier format. In the process, he also has revised and improved the text and illustrations. The new soft cover, 36-page booklet is the result of this effort. It contains a thumbnail sketch of the history of Great Britain, an interesting story of the Royal Maundy, and the remainder of the booklet is devoted to prices with illustrations and grades. Printed in a limited edition of 1,000 copies and available from Richard J. Trowbridge, Box 10172, Glendale, Ca. 91209. Price \$2.00.

"COINS & CURRENCY OF PANAMA" by Capt. Julius Grigore Jr., USNR, introduces the reader to the most complete study of Panamanian coins ever published. The book details the history of the coin issues of Panama from 1904 to the present, along with the historical background against which they were issued. It traces events from the time of Columbus and when, from atop a Panamanian mountain, Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean in 1513. The author describes the close ties with the United States, prompted by Teddy Roosevelt's enthusiasm for the Panama Canal project that resulted in an independence movement in 1903. Logically, this resulted in most of the country's coinage having been struck at the U.S. Mint. Interesting stories include one about the world's smallest silver coin, "The Panama Pill," so named because it could be swallowed to prevent being stolen. Captain Grigore, a marine engineer who lived in Panama for many years, intertwines history, legislative background, coin design and economic influence to disclose the hidden reasons why some Panamanian coins are underpriced. A colorful hard cover for over 200 interesting pages. . . a masterpiece for the student, numismatist and investor. Priced at \$6.50. Published by Krause Publications, Inc., Iola, Wisconsin 54945.

CSNA Audio-Visual Program Expands

The California State Numismatic Association and The Society for International Numismatics continues to expand the tape-cassette/slide programs instituted earlier this year. These programs which are geared for all our member clubs, have been produced on color slides with commentary on standard tape-cassettes; they run in length from 17 minutes to 45 minutes. All a club needs is any standard cassette player and any standard slide projector to have a new and different program for meetings. The only charge involved is the postage and insurance which averages about fifty cents each way. Current programs ready for use include:

1. "Ethiopia — A Treasure House of Africa"
Color slides/tape/music/running time 30 minutes.
2. "25 Plus 1 Popular Crowns"
Color slides/tape/running time 26 minutes.
3. "A Wedding of Stamps & Coins" (PNC)
Color slides/tape/running time 17 minutes.
4. "Maldiv Islands Money"
Black & White slides/tape/running time 29 minutes.
5. "Colonial Coins of the Mexico City Mint"
Color slides/tape/music/running time 25 minutes.
6. "A Wedding of Stamps & Coins of Israel" (PNC)
Color slides/tape/running time 28 minutes.
7. "A Female Bella Slave & Timbuktu"
Color slides/tape/music/running time 29 minutes.
8. "Type Coinage of Modern Japan"
Color slides/tape/music/running time 45 minutes.

The additional programs will be available as of January 15, 1973:

1. "Banking in Canada"
Color slides/tape/music/running time 30 minutes.
2. "The Coinage of the Canadian Maritime Provinces"
Color slides/tape/music/running time 22 minutes.
3. "Edward VIII, The Uncrowned King"
Color & Black & White slides/tape/music/running time 26 minutes.

4. "The Hudson Bay Company"

Color & Black & White slides/tape/music/running time 28 minutes.

Also available is the Franklin Mint film, "The Ultimate Achievement," in 16 mm sound movies.

Within the next two years the CSNA and SIN hope to have between 30 to 40 different programs available to member clubs and organizations. If you have a complete program — then let us reproduce it, make it available to others. If you are working on a program — write; we will help you complete it. Good club meetings and good club programs are a combination that will keep our hobby enjoyable and growing.

Contact:

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Covina, CA 91724

FRANKLIN MINT HONORS DAN HARLEY

CSNA Past-President Dan Harley is featured in the November issue of The Franklin Mint Almanac magazine. Formerly residents of Claremont, California, Dan and his wife, Irene, now reside in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Dan is the central representative for The Franklin Mint.

The two-page article tells how Dan Harley delights in communicating his discoveries to collectors. It also describes his activities past in CSNA and mentions written for Calcoin News. To quote a few lines from one paragraph, "He can relate the pleasures of collecting to others, because of his intimate knowledge of his own collections. At the same time, he can discuss the problems he's discovered over the years." And, to quote Dan directly from the article: "When you have a chance to 'live' collecting — to talk about it, think about it and do it — and get paid for it, you start to know what satisfaction can be!"

California Numismatic Educational Seminar Held



Partial view of students at California Numismatic Educational Seminar, intent with blackboard demonstration.



Left to right: William O. Wisslead, Maurice M. Gould, James Betton and Charles Colver, committee in charge of the California Numismatic Educational Seminar at California Polytechnic College, Kellogg-Voorhis, in Pomona.

The First California Numismatic Educational Seminar was recently completed at the Kellogg West Center for Continuing Education at the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California. The Seminar was sponsored by the California State Numismatic Association, represented by **Charles Colver**; the Organization of International Numismatists, represented by **Maurice M. Gould**; Numismatic Association of Southern California, represented by President **William O. Wisslead**; and the Convention of International Numismatists, represented by Chairman **James Betton, Jr.**

The Seminar was a concentrated two-day course and was completely sold out, with 40 students participating. Actual laboratory work on coins was part of the program, along with the lectures, and the techniques employed by counterfeiters were studied.

The instructors were the two outstanding specialists in the counterfeit detecting field. **Virgil Hancock** of Bellaire, Texas, president of OIN and a member of the board of the American Numismatic Association, and **John Hunter** of Harper Woods, Michigan, who has also been an instructor at the A.N.A. seminars in Colorado Springs.

At the conclusion of the course, the students were asked if they wanted to continue with an additional course the following year. More than half of the class signified their intention of attending, leaving a small number of vacancies for new students at next year's

seminar. The three students who came the longest distance will return: **Siegfried Schmidt** of Kew Gardens, N.Y., and **Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Robinson** of Portland, Oregon.

The course will take place in September of 1973 and it is hoped that the college will recognize it as a credit course.

One of the students from Sunnyvale, California gave a donation to assist in making the course possible in 1973.

The chairman and founder is **Maurice M. Gould** of Tustin, California, a syndicated coin columnist. The committee consisted of **Charles Colver**, **William O. Wisslead**, **James Betton**, and **Walter Dittrich**. Professor **Theodore Weissbuch**, an outstanding numismatic researcher and an instructor at California State Polytechnic University, was coordinator and of great assistance to the committee.

A course in grading was discussed with the students and this possibly may be added to the seminar sessions in 1973. The committee would like to hear from any collectors who would be interested in a course of this nature so plans can be made accordingly. This would be completely independent of the counterfeit detection course.

In 1973 the seminar will be expanded to a full three-day course.

For further information write to:

Maurice M. Gould, Chairman, P. O. Box 1500, Tustin, California 92680.

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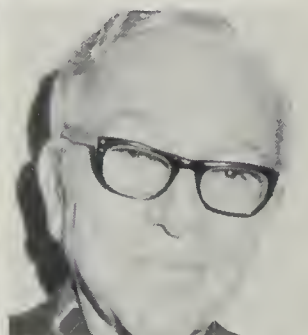
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WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD of Santa Ana, presently vice president of CSNA, was chairman of the recent 51st convention in Los Angeles. He is also president of NASC. He has also served as historian and treasurer of the CSNA. Bill belongs to numerous clubs and is active in each of them. He calls working for these organizations a reward, not a service. Bill sums up his numismatic life with the comment, "I am looking forward to a long and joyous time in numismatic activities and to making many more friends throughout the country."

DON THRALL is a resident of Berkeley and was general chairman of the 1961 CSNA spring convention when it was held in Oakland. He has served in several other capacities

for CSNA and is always active in conventions "North of the Tehachapis." He conducted the educational forum at the 50th semi-annual convention. He has a wide variety of collecting interests and an extensive library relating to these interests. He has written many numismatic articles and several of them have been published in *Calcoin News*.

CHARLES COLVER of West Covina has been secretary of CSNA since 1965 and prior to that served as assistant editor of *Calcoin News*. He was awarded the CSNA "Medal of Merit" in 1970 and has received three silver literary award medals. Charles has served on numerous committees and has been an officer in several of the area clubs. He has visited many coin clubs, churches and service clubs

with displays and talks on his collecting specialties of U. S. and British Commonwealth coinage as well as California National Bank Notes.

STUART EDGERTON of San Diego is the present treasurer of the CSNA. Since retiring from the United States Navy, he has received a B.S. degree in accounting from California State University in San Diego. He is presently studying for a law degree. Stuart served as assistant general chairman of the American Numismatic Association's 77th Anniversary Convention in San Diego in 1969. He especially enjoys encouraging the youth of his neighborhood to cultivate an interest in numismatic knowledge.

JAMES BETTON of Santa Monica is on the current board of the CSNA. At the recent fall convention he was awarded the Medal of Merit for his outstanding service and work on the book, "Money Talks." Jim is a prolific writer, not only on numismatic subjects, but also other material. Although Jim belongs to many organizations, he is not just a joiner, but a worker. He is a numismatist in the true sense of the word. His special collector interests are coins of Australia, Canada and Great Britain.

VINCE BERETTA is especially active in the numismatic field at Sacramento. CSNA exhibiting, judging and his own displays of Olympic medals. He has won Best-of-Show awards several times. He is active in trying to promote a permanent display of Sacramento material in one of the museums. Vince has conducted exhibiting forums and given talks on various subjects to coin clubs and promoted numismatics in every possible way.

JAMES (RANDY) BRIGGS of San Bernardino is currently a CSNA director. He has been an officer in several coin clubs and currently is president of the American British Numismatic Society and the San Bernardino County Coin Club. Randy is studying for a masters degree in history at the University of California at Riverside. He has discovered that he can collect knowledge of coins even though he doesn't have the dollars to own them. He believes that comradeship and social aspects of the hobby are as much fun as collecting coins. Randy is also an author.

WALTER H. DITTRICH of Orange is an enthusiastic new member of CSNA and the numismatic circle. Presently he is vice president of the Orange County Coin Club and

prior to this was the club treasurer. Walter is an accountant by profession and attempts to divide his time between business, a growing family and his numismatic hobby. He is treasurer of the newly organized California Numismatic Educational Seminar held in the fall.

JOHN FIES resides in San Carlos where he conducts his own consulting service. He is a registered professional engineer. John has been interested in numismatics for about twenty years. He was one of the founders of OIN and has been a member or officer in numerous national and regional organizations. He has exhibited extensively and is a prolific writer, both in the technical engineering field as well as numismatics. Original research has resulted in his copywriting some of his original research.

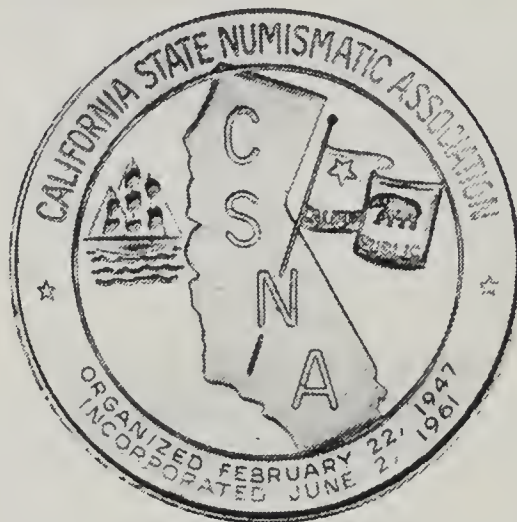
GORDON GREENE of Anaheim is presently a member of the CSNA board. By profession an engineer, he has in recent years developed his Galaxie Products Company. He designs many of the medals and trophies he produces. Coin Clubs and organizations of California are familiar with his product. He also makes trophies for the American Numismatic Association annual conventions. Gordon has exhibited extensively and won many Best-of-Show awards. He is an active officer in many southern California clubs.

ROY HILL of San Francisco is presently on the CSNA board and is the chairman of the spring convention to be held in Oakland. He is one of the seven original founding members of CSNA and has attended every convention of the organization. Several times he has served as exhibit chairman. Roy is an authority on San Francisco mints and has many original pictures being used by the architects in the present restoration of the old mint on Mission Street. He has written several articles for publication and served as editor of the PCNS bulletin.

A.G. "HAP" YEAGER of Sacramento is currently a member of the CSNA board. When first elected to the board he wrote to the president and asked: "What are my duties? I want to get busy!" He has served as president of the Sacramento Valley Coin Club and was assistant general chairman of the CSNA convention at Sacramento in 1967. Hap has been called upon several times by the U. S. Treasury Department to assist them in identifying counterfeit currency. His first love in numismatics is silver dollars followed by proof sets.



Convention Highlights



51st HELD AT LOS ANGELES

By Nona Moore, CSNA 1573

WILLIAM O. WISSELEAD, general chairman of the California State Numismatic Association's 51st semi-annual convention, held November 3-5, 1972, at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel reports that it was a huge success. 1,497 registered in addition to 83 dealers and their assistants. Dealers from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and England were represented. Most reported excellent business and many were seen making reservations for the upcoming Oakland Convention in the Spring as well as the following convention to be held in Anaheim next Fall.

A room full of exhibits was one of several highlights of the convention. Awards were presented at the Saturday evening banquet which 125 attended. **HERBERT BERGEN**, ANA past president, was master of ceremonies. **LARRY TAPPER** received the best of show award for his exhibit entitled, "Coins of Modern Israel."

25 persons attended the Friday noon luncheon, chairmanned by **ETHEL LENDERT**. **NORMAN WILLIAMS**, president of the Canadian Numismatic Association presented a fascinating talk.

The "Tireless Three" were in attendance . . . **MATTIE** and **IRVING KNICKERBOCKER** and **ROY HILL** — now having attended all 51 CSNA conventions.

Friday night, the CSNA forum was exceptionally well-attended and an outstanding one. **VAL MOGENSEN** gave an interesting dissertation about "New Orleans Mardi-

Gras Medals." **ROBERT MEDLAR** of Texas spoke on "The Republic of Texas Currency," and **RUTH LUDWIGSEN** presented an interesting account of the old San Francisco Mint, "Restoration of a Tradition."

On Saturday, the California Exonumist Society held its regular quarterly meeting with about 35 in attendance. **ROY HILL** of San Francisco was the featured speaker. His subject was "The History of the San Francisco Mint." New officers were installed by **RALPH MITCHELL**.

Also on Saturday the American British Numismatic Society held an open forum. Moderator **BILL WISSELEAD** introduced **RODNEY COON** who discussed the "Collectibles of George VI." **CLAY READ** spoke about the "Coinage of Fiji Islands," and **RICHARD TROWBRIDGE** presented the "Collectibles of Edward VIII."

Sunday morning an informal group of 32 enjoyed a nice breakfast and friendship, at which CSNA President **EVERETT PHILLIPS** announced the happy news of his forthcoming marriage to **RUTH LUDWIGSEN**.

WALTER SNYDER was responsible for inviting the U.S. Post Office to be present so that attendees could purchase commemorative stamps. A special convention postmark was made available. This added considerably to the convention, as did the Bureau of Engraving and Printing exhibits. Many of us were able to obtain First Day Covers and BEP Souvenir Cards for our collections.

Fine convention publicity was received. Several member clubs were responsible for additional newspaper coverage in respective communities. The convention was on the 11:00 P.M. Saturday night television news, with corresponding pictures, and **BILL WISSLEAD** was heard by many over the radio.

Credit must go to Bill and his crew who did such an outstanding job. Those who assisted him with the convention plans included **CHARLES COLVER**, registration; **JAMES BETTON**, bourse; **RICHARD TROWBRIDGE** and **JAMES BRIGGS**, exhibits; **ETHEL LENHERT**, ladies' luncheon; **HOWARD CHASE**, photographer; **ELIZABETH WISSLEAD**, banquet; **MAURICE GOULD**, education forum; **ED McCLUNG**, security, besides the many others too numerous to mention.

The 51st semi-annual convention has come to an end, but it will remain forever in many of our memories.

HAPPINESS IS

... seeing MATTIE and IRVING KNICKERBOCKER throughout the convention halls.
... DAISY SNYDER locating a bottle of Windex spray for the glass cases.
... NORMAN WILLIAM discovering that Marguerita is not just a gal's name.
... being at the Covina Coin Club's table at the annual banquet.
... being CHARLES COLVER, who has his own cheerleaders.
... watching the exhibit winners as they receive their trophies.
... being installed at the California Exonumist Society meeting by RALPH MITCHELL.
... being present when JOHN FIES lets forth with his wit.
... being momentarily blinded by the shine in RUTH LUDWIGSEN'S eyes AND her new ring.
... JAMES BETTON receiving the CSNA Medal of Merit Award.
... enjoying an exceptionally good Hilton breakfast Sunday morning.
... EDMcCLUNG giving away "popped out" JFK heads on attendee's coins.
... enjoying a gin and tonic - until you are interrupted.
... RANDY BRIGGS checking out a book on "How to Hug" (until he finds out it is the tenth volume of an encyclopedia).
... RUDY GJUROVICH walking around in his regal "Money Suit."
... the satisfied look on everyone's face when the convention ended, indicating a "job well done!"



President S. Everett Phillips presents the CSNA Medal of Merit to Jim Betton.

CSNA's Medal of Merit is the highest award that can be bestowed upon CSNA members and is awarded for "outstanding service to CSNA - above and beyond the call of duty." At the fall Convention in Los Angeles the 16th medal was presented to James L. Betton, currently a member of the board of directors. The award was presented to Betton for his outstanding contributions to the organization and for his work on the book "Money Talks." This is a difficult award to earn (as all recipients agree) and is not merely a "thank you" device nor an award for routine official service in the organization. *Congratulations, Jim!*





Convention Camera

Photos by Howard Chase, CSNA 1664



The 51st Convention opens with ribbon cutting by General Chairman Wisslead and President Phillips.



Registration desk with an unidentified guest, Rudy Gjorovich, Cliff Liss and NOTT editor Jerry Kroeger.



Deanna Jasmin of Covina Coin Club with poster of welcome to the festivities.



Ed McClung and Walter Snyder hold CSNA cover. USPS officials in background.



On bus to Friday luncheon: Richard Yeoman, Mrs. Bob Medlar, and Marian Yeoman. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beck behind.



Norman Williams of Canada and Ethel Lenhert, chairman of luncheon. Certificate is for his luncheon talk.



Friday evening forum speakers: Val Mogens, Ruth Ludwigsen, Robert Medlar and Maurice Gould, moderator.



Newly engaged numismatic couple. . .CSNA President S. Everett Phillips and Ruth Ludwigsen.



New CES officers: G. Greene, W. Snyder, D. deRome, D. Snyder, V. Dieterle, A.M. Panosh & C. Ayers. Seated: R. Mitchell, B. Stevens, & E. Stone.



Enjoying the banquet: Mary Gillespie, Nona Moore (SOTT editor) and Beverly & Vance Hutchinson.



Best-of-Show winner Larry Tapper receives his award from exhibit chairman Richard Trowbridge.



Mattie and Irving Knickerbocker have attended all CSNA conventions. Roy Hill also has attended all of them.



Mr. & Mrs. Herb Bergen with her stuffed toy elephant door prize.



Board meeting: J. Betton, R. Briggs, S. Edgerton, C. Colver, E. Phillips, W. Wisslead, R. Hill, H. Yeager, G. Greene & A. Baber. Also present, B. Hyde & J. Kroeger.



General Chairman Wisslead presents a set of convention medals to President Phillips at Banquet.



President Phillips receives ANA award for CSNA 25-year membership from Bill Wisslead.



Roy Hill receives plaque from Peggy Borgolte for his talk at California Exonumist meeting.



"The Bull" presented by Dick Trowbridge to Jean Gould.

Convention Exhibits & Awards

GROUP "A" – UNITED STATES

Virginia M. Hall – "Eagle on our Coins" – **First**
Steve Quintan – "Mint Procedure" – **Second**
Evelyn Wallace – "Half an Half" – **Third**

GROUP "B" – ANCIENT

Larry Tapper – "Coins of Ancient Israel" – **First**
Donald Wallace, Jr. – "Bible Money" – **Second**

GROUP "C" – MEDIEVAL (476-1558)

Ben H. Campbell – "Silver Pennies of England for 1,000 Years" – **First**
Larry Tapper – "Coins of Medieval England" – **Second**

GROUP "D" – MODERN FOREIGN

Larry Tapper – "Coins of Modern Israel" – **First**
Catherine Edgerton – "Leopold I of Hungary" – **Second**
Albert K. Hall – "Type Gold Coinage of Estados Unidos Mexicanos" – **Third**

GROUP "E" – SUBSTITUTE FOR MONEY

R. B. Carter – "Transportation Tokens" – **First**
Albert K. Hall – "Money Substitutes of Africa" – **Second**
Jack B. Nestle – "3 Seldom Seen Tokens" – **Third**

GROUP "F" – PAPER MONEY

Virginia M. Hall – "U. S. Currency" – **First**
R. B. Carter – "Fractional Currency" – **Second**
Earle T. Myers – "Fractional Currency" – **Third**

GROUP "G" – ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

Roger J. Sullivan – "The Dewey Group" – **First**
Frank Ricker – "U. S. Decorations" – **Second**
Clifford H. Bloom – "India's-Kaisar-I-Hind" – **Third**

GROUP "H" – MEDALS

Rodney D. Coon – "Bird's Eye View" – **First**
Larry Keil – "Man in Space" – **Second**
Robert Medina – "California Mission Medals" – **Third**

GROUP "I" – MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. A. K. Berry – "Mint-made Treasures by Mistake" – **First**
Donald A. Wallace – "Jefferson Errors" – **Second**
Claudia Quintana – "Stretching a Point" – **Third**

GROUP "J" – JUNIORS

Debbie Martin – "J.F.K. Medals" – **First**
Susan Wallace – "Vote for Laminations" – **Second**
Donald Wallace, Jr. – "Canadian Capers" – **Third**

GROUP "L" – PHILATELIC-NUMISMATIC COMBINATIONS

Barbara A. Hyde – "Rhodesia's Tickey" – **First**
Jack Busick – "Out of This World" – **Second**
Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Smith – "A Visit to the Orient" – **Third**

GROUP "M" – WOODEN MONEY

Earl O'Cathey – "Story of Wooden Money" – **First**
Gloria L. Wheeler – "Types of Wooden Money" – **Second**
Edward A. Alexander – "First Year of Collecting" – **Third**

BEST OF SHOW – Larry Tapper – "Coins of Modern Israel" – Group D

SPECIAL EXONUMIST AWARD – Debbie Martin – "J.F.K. Medals"



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

North of the Tehachapis

By Jerry Kroeger, CSNA 18-4

WEDDING BELLS

December 30 is the date set for the marriage of two well-known California Numismatists. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ludwigsen of Pompano Beach, Florida have announced the engagement and impending wedding of **MISS RUTH LUDWIGSEN** to **S. EVERETT PHILLIPS**, son of Mrs. Mary Phillips and the late John W. Phillips of Fresno, Calif.

Miss Ludwigsen is currently serving her second year as president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. She also recently served as chairman of the California State Numismatic Association's 25th anniversary convention in San Francisco.

She also holds membership in the San Francisco Coin Club, The Elongated Collectors, California Exonumist Society, and the American Numismatic Association. She is the daughter of the late Mrs. Florence Ludwigsen.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Southern California's Law School and practices law in Fresno. He is current president of the California State Numismatic Association. Phillips also holds membership in the ANA, California Exonumist Society and is a past president of the Fresno Numismatic Society and Hanford Coin Club.

MEDALS

S. G. YASINITSKY was guest speaker at the July meeting of PCNS. He gave a very interesting talk on "Orders and Decorations" and explained why "phalaristics" (the study of medals, orders, etc.) is a true branch of numismatics, along with the background, history, customs and varieties connected with medallic awards.

TRAVEL

MILTON STRAUCH spoke at the September meeting about his "Latin American Numismatic Adventure." He described his experiences on his trip through the Caribbean and Latin American countries.

VARIETIES AND FAIRS

The Fresno District Fair again had an exhibit and information booth by the **FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** with the theme of "Transportation in Numismatics."

GEORGE SHAMLIN spoke of die varieties at the September meeting, concentrating on bust halves and large cents.

NEW INTEREST

A new coin dealer from Napa, **MOISE PENNING**, a specialist in ancient coins, brought a display of ancient coins for our pleasure. **JESSE KING**, recently returned from a trip to Russia told of his experiences and showed his current Russian currency. Other members exhibiting at recent meetings include **AL RENN** with his coins of Austria, **HENRY BETHKE'S** wooden nickels, **BILL LOWRIE** with counterfeit Confederate bills, **MAXINE HOPPERSTAD** about early coin club mementoes, **HOY PAK** with American Revolution medals, and **BRUCE GODCHIAUX** about "a brass 'fun' token."

GRAPE FESTIVAL

Members of the **MARIN COIN CLUB** enjoyed their booth at the annual Grape Festival again this year. It was for exhibit and information.

The club meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Faculty Lounge of the Redwood High School, Larkspur.

BUSY BUSY BUSY

That's what the members of the **SAN JOSE COIN CLUB** are these days, getting ready for the two-day coin show on February 3 & 4, 1973, at the Hyatt House, 1740 N. First Street, San Jose. For more information contact **EUGENE DYER**, Bourse Chairman, San Jose Coin Club, P. O. Box 5621, San Jose, Ca. 95150.

The club meets the second Monday of each month at 20 West Hedding St., San Jose.

FAREWELL

PENINSULA COIN CLUB said good-bye to a junior member, **ERIC DANIELSON**, who is moving to Oregon. The club meets on the third Monday of each month in the Northern California Savings and Loan Building, 300 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

Exhibitors at the September meeting were **ROY HILL** and **RICH DOUGLAS**.

HISTORIC COIN WEEK

MAYOR ALIOTO proclaimed the week of the **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S** Coin Convention as "San Francisco Historic Coin Week." With **JOHN SEARS** as chairman, the show was a great success with the following awards being given: Best-of-Show to **HENRY**

ERLICH, "Coin Shapes." First place awards to EDWARD SINS, "The Morgan Dollars Past and Present," O. L. WALLIS, "Presidential Inaugural Medals," and VICTOR TITOFF, "Coins of the Republic of China." Second place awards to JOHN SCHMIDT, "The Twentieth Olympiad," NORMAN PRUNIER, "German Five Mark Coinage," FRED STANIO, "Silver Dollars," EDWARD SINS, "The Carson City Mint," VICTOR TITOFF, "Chinese Gold," and KENNETH TAKA-

HASHI, "How to collect U. S. Type coins." Junior Division: first place to ERNIE RAY, "Changes in the Lincoln Cent," and second to ANTHONY, "Can You Guess the Designer of This Coin?"

Election of officers was held for 1973 and the following were elected: President, ROY HILL; Vice President, TORRES WEIR; 2nd Vice President, CONSTANCE PERHAM; Secretary, WILLIAM S. BENNETT; and Treasurer, WARD BOWERS.



NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS...

South of the Tehachapis

By Nona G. Moore, CSNA 1573

WELCOME

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB, La Mesa, is our most recent club member. Organized in 1962, it recently reorganized into a positive, dynamic group. It has built its membership from six to 46 paid-up members and averages 30 in regular attendance. HARVEY NAUSLAND is president; BILL SMITH, vice president; ART ELLIOTT, secretary; and HARRY COLWELL, treasurer.

TENTH BIRTHDAY

AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY celebrated with a no-host dinner party at El Gato Mexican Restaurant, Van Nuys, in September.

LA MIRADA COIN CLUB'S tenth birthday was in October when members enjoyed a potluck dinner. A program on the history of the club was presented with RALPH "CURLY" MITCHELL as Master of Ceremonies.

SPECIAL EVENT

Contributions by the LAWNGDALE COIN CLUB members and friends made the annual Scout Auction a huge success in September. Scout Assistant District Commissioner ED BERTELS presented an outstanding program on "Scouting in Japan."

MASONIC MEDALS

HELEN COOMBS of Thousand Oaks was guest speaker at the August meeting of ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. Her topic, "Masonic Medals," was most interesting and among her display were many rare items.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Recent meeting in San Diego included excellent talks and display on "Iceland" by M. C. HILL, "Panama" by HERB HOOD, and "Foreign Proof Sets" by JIM HILL.

SICK LIST

Active numismatists, CLIFF and XENIA KREIZEL, are still unable to attend club meetings with regularity, although we hear they are feeling much better. It is hoped that it will not be long before they both can participate in everything once again. Hurry Up!

EVERETT SMITH, past president, auctioneer emeritus, and ever-faithful charter member of FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS, is recovering nicely from surgery. Although he has been out of circulation for some time, he plans to be "circulated" soon.

GRATITUDE

A thank you letter was received from the BPW Club of Bishop by SOUTHEASTERN SIERRA COIN CLUB for help in making the scholarship dinner a success. SECC pays for the printing of the programs for this event. Also received was a letter of thanks from the Servicemen's Mothers Club for the check SECC sent to assist in mailing packages to servicemen.

NICKELS

HERBERT BERGEN, past president of ANA and CSNA, honored the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB with a program on the short-lived Shield Nickel. Herb displayed his own collection which illustrated the varieties and dates.

"The History of the American Nickel" was the topic of **SOL TAYLOR** at a recent **WHITTIER COIN CLUB** meeting. He's been a member of the club since 1961 and spoken to them on seven different occasions. Topic at this meeting was a brief survey of the use of nickel for U. S. coins.

BAHTLAND

ROCHELLE HOLBERTON gave **WHITTIER COIN CLUB** a program entitled "A Trip to Bahtland," which consisted of color slides and a display of coins from Siam (Thailand).

ANAHEIM COIN CLUB

Does this club still exist? Do they send out a bulletin? Your assistant editor has never received one. Why not put her on the mailing list?

AN AMERICAN PATRIOT

RALPH "CURLY" MITCHELL shared an interesting evening with **BAY CITIES COIN CLUB** in October by presenting a tale entitled, "The Nine Lives of Citizen Train."

NEW VENTURE

CORWIN VENCILL has opened a coin/hobby shop at 670 Broadway, El Centro. A member of the **BE-LO-CE COIN CLUB**, Imperial Valley, Corwin is considered an expert on numismatics and philatelics, and he hopes to keep the store a small operation so it will continue more on the hobby and fun side.

COVINA COIN CLUB

CHARLES COLVER spoke on "Victoria Regina," and **TOM FITZGERALD** presented "Papal Medals."

CENTRAL AMERICA

JACK STUSTER presented "Pictures of Central America" to the **49er's COIN CLUB** in September.

Slides and coins of Guatemala were presented by **JOHN WILLIAMS** to **TRIANGLE COIN CLUB** in September. John has traveled extensively in Guatemala.

1894 EXPOSITION

JIM BETTON'S subject of the California Midwinter Exposition of 1894 was "one of the most interesting and historical talks" heard by **SAN GABRIEL EXONUMIST SOCIETY** members in 1972. He displayed a group of some of the 56 different medals struck for the Fair, as well as miscellaneous souvenirs. The **COVINA COIN CLUB** also heard this presentation in September.

WHITE ELEPHANT EVENT

92 numismatists thoroughly enjoyed the recent fund-raising event at **DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS**. **BOB ALLEBE** as auctioneer helped dispose of every item through his humor and ability at selling.

Blue and White Elephant Auction was the title given to the **ISRAEL COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES** first "rummage" sale, which netted its treasury an extra \$100.

PRICE COMPARISON

HENRI HELLER, Pasadena, entitled his talk "1955 vs 1972," when he spoke to the **DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS**, comparing prices in that period with those of today.

UNUSUAL COINS

MAURICE JENSEN talked about counterfeit coins and currency at a recent **EAST LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB** meeting. He also displayed a large variety of coins.

SOL TAYLOR'S topic was "The Counterfeit Plague," on which he spoke at the **ISRAEL COIN CLUB OF L.A.**

DID YOU KNOW?

JIM BETTON won a first in British Commonwealth category at the CNA Convention in Toronto with his Washington-Fanning Island Tokens and Currency display? Or that he won a third in Ancient/Medieval category with his Hungarian/Polish Hammered Coinage of the 15th Century?

EXHIBITING COINS

Speaker **TOM FITZGERALD** clearly outlined "the challenges, rewards and complications of exhibiting" to the **DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS**.

PRIMITIVE MONIES

SALLY MARX presented "Odd and Curious" before the **EAST LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB**, **DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS**, **WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB** and the **49er's COIN CLUB**. Members were very impressed with her display of art objects used as money.

AL HALL of **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** treated members with a very interesting report on odd and curious money that is even being used by African natives today.

LA MESA COINEWS

LA MESA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY informs us that **RAY TOY**, specialist in military currency, has been instrumental in organizing a coin club in Page, Arizona, where he now lives. He just could not remain idle and

there being no clubs in the area he proceeded to form one.

GOLD

Inasmuch as gold has been in the forefront of numismatics, the **LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB** asked **JOHN KAMIN** to present the program in August. John's title was, "Gold, Gold Coins, Present and Future and How They Will Affect Your Life Style." He is a Consulting Economist with the Forecaster Publishing Company, Tarzana.

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB

OZZIE STOUT of Whittier spoke on the subject of "Modern Chinese Coinage – Political and Economic Chaos;" **JOHN BALLARD'S** title was "British Trade Tokens;" and **AMOS HOUSE** spoke about "Merchant Money."

BIRTHDAY DINNER

The 12th annual potluck dinner of **POMONA VALLEY COIN CLUB** in October saw 83 members and guests enjoy an evening of good food and friendship.

SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB dedicated its 15th anniversary meeting to the city of Hawthorne and Mayor **ROBERT REEVES** paid the club an official visit, presenting President **RICHARD THATCHER** one of the medals of the city honoring Hawthorne's 50th anniversary. **MRS. PAUL NEWELL** of **WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB** presented the program. Her subject was "Civil War Era."

BAY CITIES

Recent speakers at **BAY CITIES COIN CLUB** were **ISADORE FREEMAN**, "Slides of U.S. Trade Dollars;" **PAUL BORACK**, "U.S. Trade Dollars;" and **IRWIN BROTMAN**, "A Special Trip Through Europe."

NEW ADDRESS

Mailing address for **SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB** is now Box 1184, Hawthorne, 90250.

The **HAFFNER'S**, who recently moved to Jerusalem, describe their move as a great challenge and not an easy one to give up the many conveniences we are used to here. Their new address is 25 Kaftet November Street, Jerusalem, Israel, and they look forward to hearing from their many friends. Sylvia has recently released her latest publication, "Medals and Tokens from the Holy Land."

M-I-double S-I-double S-I-DOUBLE P-I

JOY PARRISH and her hubby have left California to live on the Mississippi Gulf

Coast. Their new mailing address is Box 1616, Pascagoula 39567. They were honored with an informal bon voyage dinner, hosted by Southern Hub Coin Club President **DICK THATCHER**.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY held its installation at its quarterly meeting in conjunction with CSNA Convention. New president is **WALTER SNYDER**; **DOUGLAS DeROME**, vice president; **MRS. DAISY SNYDER**, secretary; and **VINCENT DIETERLE**, treasurer.

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS installed new officers in August. New president is **JOHN LENKER**; **LARRY CIRILLO**, 1st vice president; **MRS. RUTH COON**, 2nd vice president; **MRS. FREDDIE GRANT**, recording secretary; **MRS. NONA MOORE**, corresponding secretary; and **BEN COON**, treasurer.

THE NETHERLANDS

ALBERTUS HOOGEVEEN returned to **CALIFORNIA FOREIGN COIN CLUB** (after a long absence during which he had been missed!) and presented an excellent color slide history of the "Golden Reign of Queen Wilhelmina." Hopefully Al will be seen more frequently in the future.

BRITISH CROWNS

...was the title **RICHARD TROWBRIDGE** selected for his program before the **CALTECH-JPL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** in September.

TIMBUKTU

MRS. LEONA KOHL gave her award-winning talk (with slides) on "A Bella Female Slave and Timbuktu" to the **DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS** and **FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS**.

ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE

"Old Sod" was presented by **DR. NORMAN APPLEBAUM** before **CALIFORNIA FOREIGN COIN CLUB**. Those hearing his talk state it was an excellent cultural, historical and numismatic revelation.

Highlighting a recent **ISRAEL COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES** meeting was a program presented by **DR. FREIBRUN**. His topic was "The Coins of the Jewish-Roman Wars." He also presented this to the **ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN GABRIEL** in September.

CURRENCY

"German Paper Money" was the title **RALPH MARX** selected for **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER** of the **SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATISTS**. Also heard was **BILL HOLBERTON** on "High Altitude Coins," and **DR. APPLEBAUM** conducted a panel about Counterfeiting.

HAWAII

NONA MOORE presented a short program on "Coins of Hawaii," with coin display and miscellany from the islands, to the **KAISER COIN CLUB**, Fontana.

NARCOTIC PROGRAMS

Numismatists indirectly involved with dope addicts through coin thefts, it follows that coin clubs present discussions on narcotics as a community aid. **FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS** had San Bernardino County Sheriff Detective **FELIX D'AMICO** present a fine visual type program in October. The **SAN DIEGO ERROR CLUB (NECSDA)** had **TERRY DALE** discuss narcotics before its members.

TRAVELERS

IRWIN BROTMAN, recently returned from five weeks in Europe, presented "Heritage of Coins" to the **SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB** in October. His talk covered coinage over the past 2000 years.

MRS. ROBERTA MELLON of Lawndale shared experiences in her world travels with the **SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB**. Slides representing her trips to the Near East, Holy Land, Viet Nam and others were part of her presentation, "Travel is My Treasure."

RANDY BRIGGS, president of **AMERICAN/BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** and **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** took the **POMONA VALLEY COIN CLUB** on a "Tour of Europe" recently. Randy (whose real name is James R.) is one of the righthand men of **FRED COOPS**, San Bernardino, "oldest" and largest coin dealer in Southern California, and was written up in a recent issue of "Business Week," having been quoted in an interview on the campus of Cal-State, San Bernardino, (Randy is also a CSNA Director.)

WOOD

EARL O'CATHEY, wooden money specialist, enlightened the **POMONA VALLEY COIN CLUB** in August with his talk on "Wooden Money."

U. S. MINT

MEL DITTBENNER discussed the coins minted in United States mints for foreign countries at the **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** September meeting. Members brought coins which fell into the category and Mel presented an extensive display of his own. The talk was also presented at the **UNIVERSITY NUMISMATIC CLUB**, Riverside.

BILL WRIGHT'S topic was "The San Francisco Mint" when he shared experiences of his tour through the San Francisco Assay Office with the **SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**.

A PRECEDENT SET

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB is putting the final touches on a very extensive "Coin Show Guideline." **RANDY BRIGGS** and **NONA MOORE** have been working on it, to be available early in 1973. **SBCCC** believes it to be the very first local coin club to produce one, are proud of its contents, and feel it will be very beneficial to any Coin Show Chairman, even one without any experience.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

In September, Junior members of **SOUTHEASTERN SIERRA COIN CLUB**, Bishop, held a very illuminating discussion on "Double-Die Cents."

Juniors of **WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB** have opened a full-scale membership drive. Being one of the largest junior groups in the L.A. area they want to go over the top for 1972. An added incentive is an "Ike" dollar for each new Junior they sign up, but all must have attended the 14th annual Coinarama in September. Future junior activities will include an essay contest, attendance, performance, and handling of numismatic material. All of these will make the junior eligible for an award. Four juniors exhibited at the coinarama and 36 entered the coin guessing contest. **JOE MILLER**, Junior chairman, is responsible for having such enthusiastic young members.

GLIMPSES OF MEXICO

The **AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** was treated to a unique program when **SR. RUZ** of the Mexican Tourism Council visited its August meeting and showed a new color film of "Glimpses of Mexico," featuring Mexico City and Acapulco.

CSNA Vice President and **NASC President**

WILLIAM WISSLEAD gave an outstanding program before the **CALIFORNIA FOREIGN COIN CLUB** on the history and coinage of Mexico, entitled "The Era of Benito Juarez, 1855-1876."

AN AZTECAN ABROAD

In October **ART GARNETT** presented an interesting tale of his travels to many European countries to the **AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**.

AWARD WINNERS

AZTECA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY is very proud of its members who received awards at West Valley 14th annual Coinarama. **ARMANDO OJEDA**, **GEORGE PRICE**, **ALBERT HALL**, and **STEVE WILLING**. The latter received Best-of-Show with his display on "Modern Coinage of Mexico by Type, 1905 - 1972."

CALICO COIN CLUB

Approximately 300 attended the third annual coin show held at the Holiday Inn, Barstow, in September. 18 exhibits, including four by junior members, were shown. **FRED CAUDILL**, chairman, stated that there were eleven dealers, all from out of town.

DIME-A-DIP DINNER

CONVAIR COINEERS, San Diego, had a dime-a-dip potluck dinner followed by a donation auction. **JIM PATE'S CAROLEERS** will entertain the group at its annual Christmas party.

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

GIL DAAB, program chairman of **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** presented a clever audience participation program with a "Let's Make a Deal" night. Members received nice coins and were able to exchange them if they wished for a small price.

WAS PETER ROBBED?

When the editors of the "Wall Street Journal" hailed Peter Minuit as a "crafty Dutchman who pulled off the real estate coup of the age by purchasing Manhattan Island for \$24," calculating readers were quick to disagree. One pointed out that Peter's \$24 need only to appreciate at 6½% during the past three and a half centuries to be worth 20 billion dollars more than the current value of Manhattan, buildings and all.

In Memoriam

PAUL WEIGER

CSNA charter member No. 68, passed away in July after being hospitalized. He was an early collector of wooden money and was deeply interested in Exonumia. **G. A. AYERS**, president of **CALIFORNIA WOODEN MONEY ASSOCIATION** has appointed a committee to establish a memorial tribute to Paul. Friends wishing to donate cash or material to be auctioned by CWMA may contact the organization at 18814 Florwood Avenue, Torrance, CA 90504.

In Memoriam

ALBERT "AL" R. EDSON

Santa Barbara numismatists, as well as those in Southern California, were saddened by the recent death of Albert "Al" R. Edson, who passed away on Sunday, October 8th following a sudden illness.

Born in Nebraska March 2, 1900, Al Edson was a resident of Santa Barbara for more than 40 years. A Public Accountant, he had lived in the Los Angeles area for 15 years prior to coming to Santa Barbara.

A collector for over 30 years, Al was one of the founding members of the Santa Barbara Coin Club, and was Life Member No. 3. Life membership in the Club is an honorary status, presented in appreciation for outstanding service to the Club. He had served as an officer and on the board of directors for many years.

Al was a long-time member of the American Numismatic Association, holding membership number 7617. He was also a part-time dealer, specializing in Mercury Dimes and Walking Liberty Halves. Collectors will remember the ad which he ran in The Numismatist for many, many years.

He is survived by his wife, at the family home, 156 Olive Mill Road, Santa Barbara, and by two married daughters and three grandchildren.



From the Desk of the Treasurer

Stuart T. Edgerton, CSNA 14-4

APRIL 19, 1972 to OCTOBER 31, 1972

Balance brought forward \$ 6615.28

Receipts:

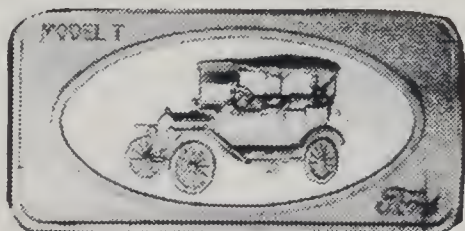
Bourse fees & deposits, 51st Convention	\$2900.00	
Money Talks	47.00	
Dues	806.00	
Medals	231.00	
Rental CSNA cases - Buena Park Elks	15.00	\$ 3999.00
		<u>\$10614.28</u>

Disbursements:

Kennedy Halves	200.00	
Librarian's Expenses	150.00	
Library Catalogs and Addenda	349.69	
President's Expenses	38.29	
Warehouse Fee, CSNA cases	5.00	
Combined Meeting	12.00	
Leamington Hotel, deposit 52nd Convention	250.00	
NASC Workshop Breakfast, R. Marx	6.00	
CalCoin News Editor's Expenses	130.00	
Asst. Editors Expenses (2)	40.00	
Combined Symposium	200.00	
Refund of dues	2.50	
Library Binding Material	144.23	
Rework of 50th Convention Plaque	11.50	
Postage for Secretary	120.00	
CalCoin News	1189.07	
Secretary's Expenses	229.32	
State Board of Equalization	59.93	
51st Convention Expenses	189.07	
50th Convention (Net Loss)	689.27	\$ 4015.87

Balance in Commercial Account	6598.41
Balance in Savings Account (Interest \$79.82)	3371.88
Balance in Life Membership Trust Acct. (Interest \$161.77)	5474.20
Kennedy Half Dollars	200.00

NET WORTH: \$15,644.49



Two especially interesting one ounce pure silver bars are being produced by The Patrick Mint of San Francisco. The first is of the Famous Cable Car and the most recent is of a Model T Ford, sculptured by Barbara Hyde in bas-relief and struck with proof-like finish. Details available from Box 16271, San Francisco, Ca. 94116.



From the Desk of the Secretary

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

NEW MEMBERS (8-10-72 to 11-15-72)

- 2484 COHEN, Robert S. P.O. Box 403, Bladensburg, Md. 20710
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- 2485 McCASKILL, Jack V. 25 S. Michillinda Ave., Pasadena, Calif. 91107
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- 2486 CLITES, Jim L. 2728 Capistrano St., Antioch, Calif. 94509
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2487 KETT, Ivd 422 S. "A" St., Oxnard, Calif. 93030
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- 2488 KETT, Murray 422 S. "A" St., Oxnard, Calif. 93030
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2489 DARNELL, Jack 13631 Powers Rd., Poway, Calif. 92064
(sponsored by Don Webb)
- 2490 HOLBERTON, William D. P. O. Box 3072, Santa Monica, Calif. 90403
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2491 RACE, Eugene E.
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2492 HUNTER, John 20352 Harper, Harper Woods, Mich. 48225
(sponsored by Randy Briggs)
- 2493 MACE, Albert E. 3321 E. Coast Hwy., Corona del Mar, Calif. 92625
(sponsored by Ted Weissbuch)
- 2494 KIMMICH, Carl P. 4615 Reinhardt Dr., Oakland, Calif. 94619
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2495 HOLBERTON, Rochelle E. P. O. Box 3072, Santa Monica, Calif. 90403
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- 2496 BERRY, A. K., D.D.S. 1422 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra, Calif. 91801
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- 2497 MARSHALL, Robert N.
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- 2498 BOAZ, Herschel 1100 W. Hill Ave., Fullerton, Calif. 92633
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2499 SOUSA, Dan W.
(sponsored by Bob Johnson)
- 2500 DENNIS, Milton Wayne. 18814 Florwood Ave., Torrance, Calif. 90504
(sponsored by Elizabeth Wisslead)
- 2501 O'CONNELL, James J., Jr. 14492 Warren St., Westminster, Calif. 92683
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2502 ADAMSON, Ray 15522 Country Club, Chino, Calif. 91710
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2503 BEATON, David A.
(sponsored by Nona Moore)
- 2504 RUSSELL, Barney P. O. Box 1124, Fontana, Calif. 92335
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2505 COON, R. D.
(sponsored by Dick Trowbridge)
- 2506 DUDDING, John. 702 S. Date, Rialto, Calif. 92376
(sponsored by Randy Briggs)
- 2507 TENNANT, David M. 4633 Via Bandita, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93110
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2508 BRANDT, Raymond H. P. O. Box 5231, Riverside, Calif. 92507
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2509 TANNER, Henry J. Caltech 215-6, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, Calif. 91109
(sponsored by Charles Colver)

- 2510 HEARTLAND COIN CLUB 10670 Snyder Rd., La Mesa, Calif. 92041
(sponsored by Bill Wright)
- 2511 BROTMAN, Alan Jay 303 Pleasant Ridge Dr., No. 304, Owings Mills, Md. 21117
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- 2512 BECK, Janice B.
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2513 BECK, Malcolm
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2514 ABEL, Wes P. O. Box 2055, Palos Verdes Pen., Calif. 90274
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2515 BAXTER, Charles A. 2239 45th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94116
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2516 BEYMER, Jack H. 647 Coddington Center, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95401
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2517 ARGUIJO, Mario G. 2585 Fidelia Ave., Commerce, Calif. 90040
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2518 BOSS, Charles H. 940 S. Oxford, No. 311, Los Angeles, Calif. 90006
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2519 BRISKIN, Jerry.
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2520 McCALLISTER, Sterling A.
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2521 SPIVACK, Sam.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2522 WIBORG, Bob. 1860 Via Bandera, Whittier, Calif. 90601
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2523 BERTCH, Frank C. 4432 Ensign Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. 91602
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2524 FROHLICH, Manny. 424 S. Broadway, Rm. 303A, Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2525 OKA, Masamichi Taisei Stamps & Coins Co., No. 15 chome, Edobashi Nihonbashi,
Chuoku, Tokyo, Japan
(sponsored by Charles Byers)
- 2526 BAUMGARTNER, Hans.
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2527 WAHL, John C. 9903 Anthony Pl., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210
(sponsored by Doug Epstein)
- 2528 HILL, Melville C. 704 Stafford Ave., Spring Valley, Calif. 92077
(sponsored by Jim Betton)
- 2529 GILLIS, Thomas D. 124 Bretano Way, Greenbra, Calif. 94904
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2530 GUNDERSON, William P. O. Box 3965, San Francisco, Calif. 94419
(sponsored by Charles Colver)

DECEASED

- 758 EDSON, Albert R., Santa Barbara, Cal.
2103 SMITH, Joseph, Ukiah, Cal.
2214, RICE, Dow M., San Diego, Cal.

RESIGNED

- 1014 NOBLE, Dolores R.
1852 LEWIS, Walter E.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Aug. 10, 1972	1054
New Members, Aug. 10 to Nov. 15, 1972	47
Deceased	3
Resigned	2
Address Unknown.	1
Suspended, Non-payment of 1972 Dues.	60
Net Membership, Nov. 15, 1972	1035
Total Life Members	115



Librarian's Report

Dorothy E. Beaulieu, CSNA 974

We are greatly indebted to the **Whitman Publishing Company** for their very generous gift to our library. Thanks, too, to **Harold Don Allen, Charles Colver, Virginia and Wayne Dennis, Dick Trowbridge and Randolph Zander** for their contributions.

We are in need of various issues of the **Canadian Numismatic Journal**, **NASC Quarterly**, **Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico**, **Voice of the Turtle** and Vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 2 of the **Numismatic Messenger** in order to prepare them for binding. If any of the members can help, please contact the librarian.

The following titles should be added to your library catalog:

- A-40 Allen, Harold Don, "Toward a Money of Tomorrow. Numismatics in an Age of Paper and Plastic."
- A-41 Almanzar, Alcedo, "Latin American Numismatic Bibliography" (including the Caribbean.)
- A-42 Almanzar, Alcedo, Auction catalogue. Coins, medals, patterns and tokens of the world. Part two.
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Assignat is the name given to an issue of paper money of the French Republic, 1790-1795.



Curator's Comments

By Bryan O. Burke, Jr., CSNA 2-1

"Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes. . ."

This is the word from the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, your donations are deductible: from your income tax. Just list the value of the items you send in and you will receive a receipt for use with your tax returns. The same rule holds for material willed to the CSNA Californiana collection. Estates will profit from the gifts.

While the excitement about the possibility of a museum in San Francisco in the old mint building has inspired many coin collectors, the donations have been rather slim in the past few months.

Nevertheless, some historic items have been added to the Californiana cabinet. **NONA MOORE** opened her stock books to the curator by offering any California item not already in the collection. **FRED COOPS** and **RANDY BRIGGS** found and purchased for the CSNA a set of tokens issued by the Vas-

queros del Desierto (Riders of the Desert), a riding club. The displaced Californian, **JOY PARRISH**, forgot Mississippi long enough to send in a package. She added a pair of American Rockwell Sports and Hobby show wooden nickels and a badge and ribbon from the 1972 La Fiesta celebration in Santa Barbara. Our friend in Canada, **DON ALLEN**, mailed another lot of beautiful picture checks.

Through the dedication of **GORDON HUNT** and others, the dream of a museum for the Californiana collection is materializing. That vision of seeing the hundreds of numismatic items which have been preserved being used in public displays is gradually becoming a reality.

A million thanks to the hundred plus members who have supported the ten year plan with donations and patience. Looks as if it is going to be worthwhile. . .soon!

In the meantime, keep your donations coming to Bryan Burke, 2364 North "G" St., San Bernardino, California 92405.

METRIC NOTES

The metric system originated in France nearly 200 years ago, primarily to prevent the people from being cheated by traders. A gradual progression of metric usage throughout the world followed the introduction in France, and today more than 90 per cent of the world's population are using the metric system.

Only a few nations have not adopted the modernized metric system now called the International System of Units, abbreviated SI. The major holdouts like England, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, are now committed to the SI-system, and are currently in transition for full conversion.

This country has been drifting towards conversion since 1863. Today, approximately 11 per cent of US industries including the chemical, pharmaceutical, photographic, aerospace, and roller bearing companies are

utilizing metric standards and the SI has become the official language of science. Without planning it has been estimated that it will take another century for complete conversion. It is reckoned that in trade alone, the US is losing 18 billion dollars annually by using the conventional system, and this amount will increase each year.

Today the US is contemplating a planned conversion to the International System of Units. If current legislation is approved, a 10-year conversion period is planned with complete conversion by 1983.

Coin collectors are far ahead of the "pack." All coin sizes long have been given in millimeters and most collectors know that a standard size dollar or crown coin is about 38mm in diameter. This should make matters quite simple for the collector when "conversion day" arrives!



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



VINCENT BERETTA

By Clay Read, CSNA 1457

Thirty-two years ago on Lincoln's birthday in the fair city of San Luis Obispo, **VINCENT BERETTA** arrived on the scene. Two years later the family moved to Sacramento and Vincent has resided there ever since. For the last ten years he has been employed by the Mobil Chemical Company.

Collecting U.S. coins was first introduced to Vincent at the age of 13 via the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Scouts for 14 years and received the Eagle award with four palms and the Silver award in the Explorer Scouts. He held most of the offices in Scoutdom including assistant scout master.

Vincent loves sports and his interest in the Olympics began during high school days when he took part in many sports. His best sport was running. He competed for five years on the track team both in high school and college. He won many medals for his efforts and had ambitions to be on the 1960 Olympic team; but, as he says: "I was too slow!" He now enjoys such sports as swimming, pool and chess.

Vincent received his education at Sacra-

mento High School and Sacramento City College. He studied physical education and history, both of which aided him in his study of the Olympics.

He found his first Olympic Medal in 1963 when he finished his two years in the U.S. Army. This first medal for Squaw Valley Olympic Games and the coins for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics started him on a search for any and all coins, both ancient and modern, as well as medals for the Olympic games. As with all true numismatists, he tried to find the information and history of the coins and medals of the Olympic games. His collection includes not only coins and medals, but related items such as stamps, books, pins, etc.

Finding no books and little information on the subject of Olympic medals, Vincent has started to write a book of his own. He now has over 300 different coins and medals listed and hopes to have his book printed in the near future. The book will also include the history of the games.

Vincent has lectured at Sacramento State College on Olympic coins and medals. Also he has given slide lectures to coin clubs and other groups and exhibited at many coin shows in California and elsewhere.

With his ancient and modern Olympic coins and medals, Vincent has won over 100 trophies through his many different exhibits over the years. His exhibit of modern Olympic medals won Best-of-Show at the CSNA in 1970, NASC in 1972 and COIN in 1972 plus many first place awards. His ancient Olympic coin exhibit won Best-of-Show at CWNA in 1971.

Vincent has been exhibit chairman and judge for many club and CSNA coin shows. At the convention in Santa Monica he ably assisted in the Sunday afternoon forum to aid exhibitors in understanding their scores and improve their exhibits through discussion with the judges. He feels that only by understanding the rules and the judge's outlook can the participants improve their exhibits.

The Sacramento Valley Coin Club is his home club and he has served in many offices, including exhibit chairman, general chairman, secretary, vice president and in 1970 as president. He is a member of SIN, ANA, CES, TAMS and a life member of CSNA.

Vincent's most recent numismatic trip

was to the first Mexico Coin Convention in October. This represents another big stride forward in his effort to round out his numismatic knowledge.

Vincent was married in 1962. His wife's name is Jeanette and they have two daughters, Tammy and Deanne, who surely will be future collectors. The Beretta household is also shared by two Persian show cats, the proud possession of his wife. Numismatics, family and cats make for a varied and interesting life for our dedicated collector, Vincent Beretta.

CSNA EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM March 31, 1973

The 5th Annual Numismatic Educational Symposium of the CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION will be held on March 31, 1973 at the Walter H. Boyd Junior High School Auditorium located at 235 East Eighth Street in Long Beach. The event will commence at 10:00 A.M. and continue until 4:00 P.M. Free parking is available to all in attendance.

The Symposium Moderator is **MAURICE M. GOULD**, *FRNS*, *FCNRS*, nationally syndicated coin columnist, writer and lecturer. He reports that he has obtained the following four outstanding speakers for the event:

JAMES F. CLAPP, JR., one of the top numismatists of New England. He is famed as a collector of ancient coins and is past president of the New England Numismatic Association.

VIRGIL HANCOCK, of Bellaire, Texas, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association. He is a well-known authority on the art of detecting counterfeits.

MIGUEL L. MUNOZ, *FRNS*, of Mexico City is a past president of the Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, outstanding collector, researcher, author, lecturer and leading authority in Mexican numismatics. He is well-known throughout North America for his excellent presentations at numismatic forums.

PAUL SIGGERS, *FRNS*, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He is a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Numismatic Association and the club liaison officer.

The lunch break will follow the second speaker, at a nearby cafeteria within easy walking distance from the Auditorium.

To make the day complete there again will be a "happy hour" at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. (both no-host) aboard the fabulous S.S. Princess Louise, the floating restaurant located at Terminal Island. Travel directions to the ship will be provided to all wishing to attend the dinner party.

The Long Beach Coin Club is again sponsoring the annual symposium. The club president is **WILLIAM M. ZOLLINGER**, and he extends an invitation to all to attend.

The chairman of the Invitational Exhibits feature is **GORDON Z. GREENE**, *NLG*, a member of the board of directors of the CSNA and the president-elect of NASC.

The general chairman of the symposium is **WILLIAM O. WISSEAD**, *FRNS*, *FABNS*, vice president of CSNA and president of NASC. He may be contacted at 2053 Cypress Avenue in Santa Ana, 92707.

S. EVERETT PHILLIPS, president of the CSNA hopes to see a record-breaking attendance at this 5th Annual Numismatic Symposium. CSNA members and friends are especially welcome and there is no charge for admission.

—Reported by William O. Wisslead

"A MEDAL COLLECTION"

By The New York Museum, Oct. 5, 1816

"It is obvious that medals possess many superior advantages over the larger productions of the pencil or the chisel.

"Medals are less likely to break or moulder away.

"Medals are smaller, and therefore more easily transportable, and at the same time susceptible of very high finish in the mechanical part, and of striking effect in their manner of relating an event: whilst the multiplicity of their impressions renders it next to certain that they will pass through an infinite number of hands, and become familiar to the minds of men in very distant ages and countries.

"Medals appeal both to the imagination and the judgement: they operate both as history and poetry; thus they fill up a very important place in the system of education.

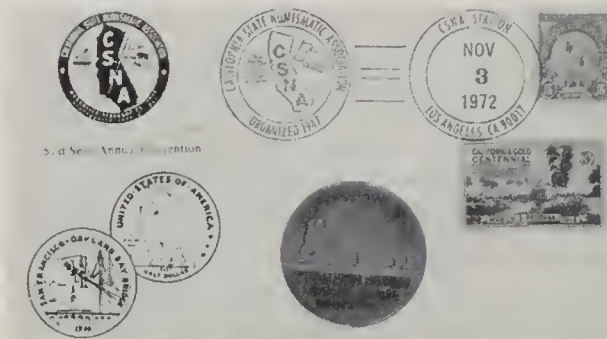
"What more simple or captivating mode is there of impressing on the memory of youth the dates and circumstances of remarkable events, or enlivening their minds with the force of felicitous symbols and allegories, than is to be found in a collection of well-chosen and well-executed medals!"

(Requoted in "American Journal of Numismatics," January 1895, and most recently recirculated by collectors of Art Medals, Inc.)

CSNA MEDAL & PNC COVER



California artist John E. Svenson of Green Valley Lake is the 86th consecutive and most recent American sculptor to have his design selected by the Society of Medalists for the continuing series started in 1930. The nearly 3-inch bronze tribute to the Chilkat Indians of the Tlinget tribe in southeastern Alaska is available to members of the Society at \$8.50. A free brochure is available from Mrs. Mary Louise Cram, Executive Secretary, The Society of Medalists, 35 West Branch Road, Weston, Conn. 06880.



Continuing the series of CSNA PNCovers, the Medals Committee produced a beautiful cover for the 51st Semi-Annual Convention held in Los Angeles November 3-5. This cover is the seventh in the series and contains an oxidized bronze official convention medal. The envelope bears an appropriate cachet and each is serially numbered. This is a limited edition and only 100 were produced for the convention. **Charles Colver**, secretary, reports there are still a few left and the price is \$3.50 each. Proceeds from the sale of these covers have been earmarked to help defray the expense of the annual CSNA Symposium in Long Beach. **Ed McClung** donated the entire production except the medal. The cancellation on this cover is the California State Numismatic Association special postmark that was affixed by personnel operating the United States Post Office booth at the convention. **Walter Snyder** was instrumental in arranging the special USPS feature.

There were a total of 2,075 medals struck for the 51st convention. Golden bronze was given out to each registrant. The total mintage was 100 pure silver, 1,675 golden bronze, and 300 oxidized bronze.



Ed McClung busy affixing the special postmark to the PNCovers at CSNA convention.





Quarter Century

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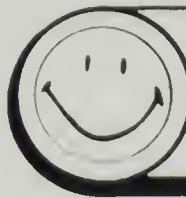
Volume 1, Number 3, dated December 1947, was the first Calcoin News produced with the present size pages. CSNA Secretary-Treasurer Leonal Panosh, who also served as editor, wrote:

"I hope you will like the shape of this Bulletin. It was done in this way to make it easier to keep a file of them which some of you may want to do."

"If you remember the first Bulletin, I said that I expected to enjoy the convention. Well, I did. It was the most enjoyable numismatic experience of my 17 years of coin collecting. I met a lot of people from all over the state and the United States, and I know that most of them will be at the next convention, and right now I am looking forward to seeing them again, and greeting them, this time as old friends. If you didn't manage to get to the last convention, take a tip from me and make the next one, about February 22nd, next year."

"A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all of you!"

The first two issues of Calcoin News were mimeographed on 8½ x 11" sheets and then stapled together. A bit unwieldy, Editor Panosh recognized the need for a more convenient size and wisely made the change, an improvement utilized for the past Quarter Century.



Chuckles



"Tow your airplane banner to California? Don't you think 8 flying reindeer and a jolly fat man in a sleigh get enough attention?"

George, age nine, frustrated in attempting to cope with a math problem involving how much change should be received back after buying a certain item at the store says: "When I grow up, I'll just use credit cards."

Money can't buy friends, but it sure can rent them.

Schoolboy in history class: "The principal export of the United States is money!"

A fellow numismatist was telling us about the ritzy town he drove through on his vacation. . . even the bank was stuck-up!

In the old days, the man who saved money was a miser; nowadays, he's a wonder.

Money isn't everything, but it does encourage the children to keep in touch with you.

One anti-war demonstrator to another: "If you are such a strong pacifist, why are you saving all those Wartime Nickels?"

Civilization is a system under which a man pays a quarter to park his car, so he won't be fined a dollar while spending a dime for a nickel cup of coffee.

Little boy: "Was George Washington as honest as they say?"

Father: "Yes, of course."

Little boy: "Then why do they close the banks on his birthday?"

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- March 31 Fifth Annual Symposium
Boyd (High School) Auditorium, Long Beach
William O. Wisslead, chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
- April 27-29, 1973 52nd Semi-Annual Convention
Hotel Leamington, Oakland
Roy Hill, general chairman, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 94109
Ron Miller, exhibit chairman, 4444 Central Ave., Fremont, Calif. 94536
Gary Young, bourse chairman, 420 17th Street, Oakland 94612
- Nov. 2-4, 1973 53rd Semi-Annual Convention
Sheraton Anaheim Hotel, Anaheim
Herbert M. Bergen, general chairman, 604 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton 92632
- April 1974 54th Semi-Annual Convention
Senator Hotel, Sacramento
Ace Reiswig, general chairman
- Nov. 1-3, 1974 55th Semi-Annual Convention
Town & Country Convention Center, San Diego
Mrs. Catherine Edgerton, general chairman, 3431 Carleton St., San Diego 92106
- Fall 1975 57th Semi-Annual Convention
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club
Huntington Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena
- Fall 1976 59th Semi-Annual Convention
San Bernardino County Coin Club
Tentative location Palm Springs

OTHERS

- January 7, 1973 9th Annual Coin Show
San Bernardino Coin Club
National Orange Show Cafeteria, San Bernardino
Gil Daab, general chairman
Nona Moore, bourse chairman, P.O. Box 245, Fontana 92335
- Feb. 3-4 5th Annual Coin Show, San Jose Coin Club
San Jose Hyatt House, 1st St. & Old Bayshore
Eugene Dyer, P. O. Box 5621, San Jose 95150
- Feb. 22-25 18th Annual Convention
Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles
Paul Newell, exhibit chairman
Armando Ojeda, bourse chairman, 15242 Gresham, Sepulveda 91343
- March 11, 1973 9th Annual Coin Show, Napa Valley Coin Club
Main Exhibition Hall, Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds, Napa
George Wells, bourse chairman, 313 Tammy Way, Napa 94558
- March 25 5th Annual Coin Show, Salinas Valley Coin Club
Masonic Temple, 48 San Joaquin St., Salinas
Gordon D. Rammer, 566 Sutter St., Salinas, general chairman
- June 15-17 COIN
Los Angeles Hilton
James L. Betton, general chairman
Charles Colver, bourse chairman
- August 23-27 American Numismatic Association
Boston, Mass.
Sheraton Boston